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REPLY TO
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MEMORANDUM FOR

Commanders, All Units Reporting Directly to This Headquarters
Commanders, Fort Knox Partners in Excellence
Directors and Chiefs, Staff Offices/Departments, This Headquarters

SUBJECT: Fort Knox Policy Memo No. 29-06 – Civilian Visitors Operating Military Equipment

1. Reference. Message, HQDA, SAAA-PC, 071540Z Mar 01, subject: Civilian Visitors Operating Military Equipment.
2. Referenced message from Department of the Army places a moratorium on civilian visitors operating military vessels, aircraft, vehicles, and crew-served weapon systems when such operation could cause, or reasonably be perceived as causing, an increased safety risk. This moratorium is effective regardless of how close civilian visitors are supervised.
3. In addition to the DA moratorium, civilian visitors to Fort Knox are precluded from the following:
 - a. Driving military track or wheel vehicles and operating mechanical or ground support equipment such as winches, turrets, and ammunition doors.
 - b. Setting up, throwing, or firing military demolitions, pyrotechnics, grenades, rockets, and lasers.
 - c. Negotiating or using the Confidence/Obstacle Course, Teamwork Development Course, Zussman Mounted Urban Combat Training Facility, 1st ATB MOUT Site (7000 block), or the rappel tower.
4. Civilian operation of other types of equipment, including small arms, must be done safely under the direct supervision of Department of Defense (DOD) civilians or military personnel as stated in prescribed policies and regulations; military commanders/directors at lieutenant colonel level can approve these events. Approval must be in writing and based upon a thorough risk assessment and detailed written description of activities to be conducted.
5. In instances where established policies or regulations do not cover the situation, approval authority is with the first general officer in the chain of command. Requests for approval will be submitted through the Installation Safety Office for review.

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6. Civilian contractors and DOD civilians who must operate military equipment as part of their duties are not considered civilian visitors for the purpose of this memorandum and therefore are not affected by this policy. Contracting Officer Representatives and supervisors of civilian contractors will enforce compliance with this directive.

7. This moratorium is not intended to restrict civilian visitors from observing Army training, demonstrations, static displays, and like activities. The intent is to ensure civilian visitors are protected from the hazards associated with high-risk operations.

8. All units and organizations will review and ensure compliance with regulations and policies concerning civilian visitor use of military vehicles, equipment, and facilities.



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